

REMARKS

This amendment is a full and timely response to the Final Office Action dated February 25, 2008. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. This paper is timely in that it is accompanied by a Petition to a One Month Extension of Time.

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in this application, claims 1, 17 and 18 being independent.

I. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

1. Claims 1-6, 8-18

Claims 1-6, 8-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Wharton et al. (hereinafter Wharton) U.S. Patent No. 5,831,664 issued November 3, 1998, in view of Martin et al (hereinafter Martin) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002-0067376. The rejection is traversed for reasons set forth below.

Claim 1

Claim 1 is directed to a display device for displaying display information in a display area, the display device comprising: a display unit configured to display said display information; a setting unit configured to set display control information that represents the relationship between the display area and the display information; a display control unit configured to control said display unit to display the display information so as to be displayed in the display area, based on the display control information set by the setting unit; and a communication unit configured to communicate with another display device which displays predetermined information, wherein, when a link to the another display device is requested, said display control unit links said display device to the another display device, so that the communication unit receives information corresponding to said predetermined display information from said another display device, and the display control unit

displays, as said display information, said predetermined display information which is displayed in said another display device, in said display area of the display device, based on the received information such that said display information of said display device is synchronized with said predetermined display information of said another display device.

The Office Action alleges that “a communication unit configured to communicates with another display device (see Figure 1 and column 7, lines 14-45).

However, for reason set forth below, Applicant believes that Wharton et al fails to teach “a communication unit configured to communicate with another display device which displays predetermined information.”

Wharton et al. teaches a method and system for synchronizing data between at least one mobile interface device and an interactive terminal, for example. Specifically, in Wharton et al. et al, information displayed on the mobile interface 12 (such as a PDA) may be displayed on another display device (the interactive terminal 14), (see column 4, line 66 through column 5, line 1), but the mobile interface 12 (such as PDA) does not communicates with another display device (the interactive terminal 14). That is, the mobile inter face 12 communicates with a server 18, not another display device (the interactive terminal 14). Also, another display device (the interactive terminal 14) does not communicate with the server 18.

Please note that the Office Action alleges that “Wharton et al. teaches that when the user selects an option on the TV to view a picture of the house that (sic) the PDA display is dynamically configured to show the house.” However, Applicant believes that in Wharton et al., a user may not select an option on the TV.” In Wharton et al., a user can selects an option only on the mobile interface (PDA). Applicant respectfully requests that support in Wharton et al. for Examiner’s assertion be shown in the Next Office Action, if the allowance of the claims is not forthcoming.

Moreover, in Wharton et al., display information from the data server 18 is sent to both the mobile interface 12 and another display device (the terminal interactive terminal 14). On the

other hand, in the present invention, the display device communicates with another display device. That is, Wharton et al. requires the data server for sending display information to both the mobile interface 12 (PDA) and another display device (the terminal interactive terminal 14). On the other hand, in the present invention, a server may not be needed so that the display information can be directly received from another display device. Thus, a way of data transmission of Wharton et al. is different from that of the present invention.

Accordingly, the applied art fails to teach “a communication unit configured to communicate with another display device which displays predetermined information and Wharton teaches a PDA is in communication with another display device and the two are synchronized (See also ABSTRACT”.

In case where a source of display information is not generated in another display device, for example, in a case where only another display device receives information such as weather information from, for example, a server but the display device does not receive information, in Wharton et al., for example, the mobile interface 12 cannot receive information without connecting to the data server. On the other hand, in the present invention, even though the display device is not connected to the source of information which is displayed on another display device, the display device may display the information through another display device.

Accordingly, the applied art fails to teach “a communication unit configured to communicate with another display device which displays predetermined information”.

Claims 2-6 and 8-16

Since claims 2-6, and 8-16 depend on claim, they are allowable for the reasons that claim 1 is allowable, and further allowable by reason of the additional limitations set forth therein. Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 17 and 18

Claim 17 is directed to a display method of a display device that is capable of displaying display information in a display area of a display unit, the display method comprising the steps of:

setting display control information that represents the relationship between the display area and the display information; controlling said display unit to display the display information as to be displayed in the display area, based on the display control information set in the setting step; communicating with another display device when a link to said another display device is requested; receiving information corresponding to said predetermined display information from said another display device and displaying, as said display information, said predetermined display information which is displayed in said another display device, in said display area of the display device, based on the received information such that said display information of said display device is synchronized with said predetermined display information of said another display device.

Claim 18 is directed to a storage medium for storing a computer-readable program to be executed by a computer to carry out processing, wherein said program is a display processing that is capable of displaying display information in a display area of a display unit, said program comprising the steps of: setting display control information that represents the relationship between the display area and the display information; controlling said display unit to display the display information as to be displayed in the display area, based on the display control information set in the setting step; communicating with another display device when a link to said another display device is requested; receiving information corresponding to said predetermined display information from said another display device and displaying, as said display information, said predetermined display information which is displayed in said another display device, in said display area of the display device, based on the received information such that said predetermined display information of said display device is synchronized with said predetermined display information of said another display device.

Similarly to claim 1, the applied art fails to teach a step of "communicating with another display device when a link to said another display device is requested."

Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

2. Claim 7

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Wharton et al. (hereinafter Wharton) U.S. Patent No. 5,831,664 issued November 3, 1998, in view of Martin et al (hereinafter Martin) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002-0067376 published June 6, 2002, in further view of Zimmerman et al. (hereinafter Zimmerman) U.S. Publication No. 2003-0093789 filed November 7, 2001.

Since claim 7 depends on claim 1, claim 7 is allowable for the reasons that claim 1 is allowable, and further allowable by reason of the additional limitations set forth therein. Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claim is respectfully requested.

II. Newly Added Claims

By the foregoing amendment, Applicant has added claims 19 and 20 in order to claim various features of the invention. Since claims 19 and 20 depend on independent claim 17 and 18, respectively, they are allowable for at least same reasons that claims 17 and 18 are allowable.

III. Conclusion

In view of the following arguments, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance over the prior art of record. Therefore, this response is believed to be a complete response to the Office Action.

However, Applicants reserve the right to set forth further arguments supporting the patentability of their claims, including the separate patentability of the dependent claims not explicitly addressed herein, in future papers.

Further, for any instances in which the Examiner took Official Notice in the Office Action, Applicants expressly do not acquiesce to the taking of Official Notice, and respectfully

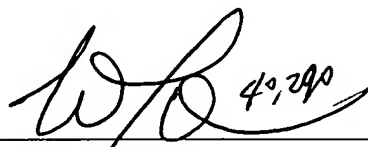
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request that the Examiner provide an affidavit to support the Official Notice taken in the next Office Action, as required by 37 CFR 1.104(d)(2) and MPEP § 2144.03.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. SON-2831 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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